

30 March 1962

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

General Carter:

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Re your memo to the Comptroller concerning format revision of our budget, [redacted] (former Agency budget officer) has given me the following background info:

1. The present format originated upon the request of former Committee Chairman Tabor and was used by direction of Mr. Dulles, who admonished our budget people to play it straight at all times with the Committee. Hence, the first five pages of the budget paper have been types of information specifically requested by the Committee.
2. Normally the first five pages of our budget paper is in the same order as it is later presented by the President in a subsequent document.
3. [redacted] feels that Congressman Cannon was particularly testy that Saturday morning, apparently nettled because one member was out of town and not previously cleared with Cannon. [redacted]

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The above is for information only. The Comptroller's people are proceeding with your recommendation.

→ I intend to play it straight at all times - but there are always better ways of huckstering - especially with a budget

→ No reason why we can't change the President's pitch if we can get the "Executive" job done better.

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